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- 2 0 1. A casino gaming table accounting system comprising, in 3 combination: a central computer; and
 - a plurality of gaming terminals coupled to the central computer wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is located in the proximity of a gaming table.
 - 2. The system of Claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals comprises:
 - a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;
- a display for displaying the entered transaction data; and
 at least one I/O port for transmitting data to the central
 computer.
- The system of Claim 3 wherein each of the gaming terminals transmits the entered transaction data to the central computer.
- 4. The system of Claim 3 wherein the central computer executes a software program which maintains records of the entered transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming terminals.



- 5. The system of Claim 1 further comprising at least one peripheral
- 2 device coupled to at least one of the plurality of gaming
- 3 terminals.

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- 5 6. A casino gaming table accounting system comprising, 6. b combination:
 - a central router; and
 - a plurality of gaming computers coupled to the central router wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is located in the proximity of a gaming table.
- 7. The system of Claim 6 wherein each of the plurality of gaming computers comprises:
 - a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;
 - a display for displaying the entered transaction data;
 - a processor for executing a software program wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;
- a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and
- at least one I/O port for transmitting and receiving data from the central router.
- 8. The system of Claim 7 wherein each of the gaming computers
- 24 executes a software program which maintains records of the entered
- 25 transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming tables.

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- 9. The system of Claim 6 further comprising a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least one data file
- 3 that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of gaming
- 4 computers.

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- 6 10. The system of Claim 6 further comprising a central server
- 7 coupled to the central router for storing at least one software
 - program that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of
- gaming computers.

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- 11. The system of Claim 6 further comprising at least one
- peripheral device coupled to at least one of the plurality of
- gaming computers.

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- A casino gaming computer located in the proximity of a gaming
- table and comprising, in combination:
- a data entry device for entering transaction data for
- 18 transactions that occur at the gaming table;
- a display for displaying the entered transaction data;
- a processor for executing a software program wherein the
- 21 processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;
- a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and
- at least one peripheral device for outputting the entered
- 24 transaction data.

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1 13) A method for casino gaming table accounting comprising the steps of:

providing a central computer; and

providing a plurality of gaming terminals coupled to the central computer wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is located in the proximity of a gaming table.

14. The method of Claim 13 wherein the step of providing the plurality of gaming terminals further comprises the steps of:

providing a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

providing a display for displaying the entered transaction data; and

providing at least one I/O port for transmitting data to the central computer.

- 15. The method of Claim 14 wherein each of the gaming terminals transmits the entered transaction data to the central computer.
- 20 16. The method of Claim 15 wherein the central computer executes a 21 software program which maintains records of the entered transaction 22 data for each of the plurality of gaming terminals.



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3 plurality of gaming terminals.

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5 A method for casino gaming table accounting comprising the steps of:

providing a central router; and

providing a plurality of gaming computers coupled to the central router wherein each of the plurality-of-gaming terminals is located in the proximity of a gaming table.

19. The method of Claim 18 wherein the step of providing the plurality of gaming computers comprises the steps of:

providing a data entry device for entering transaction data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

providing a display for displaying the entered transaction data;

providing a processor for executing a software program wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

providing a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and

providing at least one I/O port for transmitting and receiving data from the central router.

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- 1 20. The method of Claim 19 wherein each of the gaming computers
- 2 executes a software program which maintains records of the entered
- 3 transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming tables.

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- 5 21. The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of providing
- 6 a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least
- one data file that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality
- 8 of gaming computers.

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- 22. The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of providing
- a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least
 - one software program that may be accessed by at least one of the
- plurality of gaming computers.

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- 23. The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of providing
- at least one peripheral device coupled to at least one of the
- 17 plurality of gaming computers.



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| 2500 | providing at least one gaming computer located in the |
| 3 | proximity of a gaming table wherein each of the at least one gaming |
| 4 | computers comprises the steps of: |
| 5 | providing a data entry device for entering transaction |
| 6 | data for transactions that occur at the gaming table; |
| 7 | providing a display for displaying the entered |
| 8 | transaction data; |
| <u>ٿ</u> | providing a processor for executing a software program |
| .₀IJ IJ | wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction |
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| 171 211 121 | providing a memory array for storing the entered |
| 3 | transaction data; and |

providing at least one peripheral device for outputting

the entered transaction data.